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January 17, 1996

Delta Protection Commission
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To the Board:

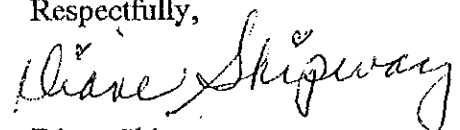
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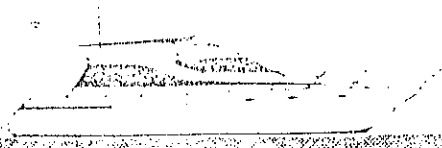
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Please let me know if this is within the Delta Protection Commission's scope to address this problem and get this problem under control before the Delta is just a bed of obnoxious water weed. Thank you in advance for any light you may be able to shine on this issue.

Respectfully,



Diane Shipway
Shipway Marine Towing & Salvage
Vessel Assist



1-17-96

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Re: Egeria Densa "water weed"

To The Board:

We at Delta Marine Engine at both our Tower Park And Isleton locations support the letter written by Diana Shipway on 1-17-96.

This problem is starting to cost more to deal with than it would cost to take care of it.

This plant will retain and absorb substances and contain them an area that would normally be dispersed through mother natures natural cleansing process.

Best Regards,

Bill Cosbie
President DME Inc.

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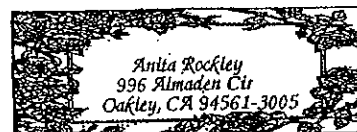
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Anita Rockley



BETHEL ISLAND

Fire Protection District

Fire Chief
DAVID WAHL

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RALPH DRAUDSON
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CHRISTIAN SANDERS
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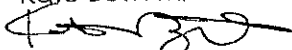
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Sincerely,

Kate Bottom, Bethel Island Fire Protection District



1-18-06

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To the Board:

I am writing this letter because of our concern over a water weed "Egeria Densa" which is over taking the Delta waterways.

I keep my boat at Driftwood Marina in Antioch and this weed is over taking us and is becoming a big problem for boats entering and leaving the harbor at low tide and is also affecting other marinas and water ways in our area.

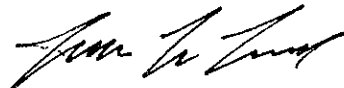
It has been brought to your attention that this problem has been discussed with many of our Elected officials over the past years both state and federal with the results being little more then lip service.

We cannot afford to wait we must act now and we need your help to initiate new legislation to stop this weed, because if we don't your board will be of little use in the future as this monster will choke the life out of our DELTA for wild life, fish and recreational use.

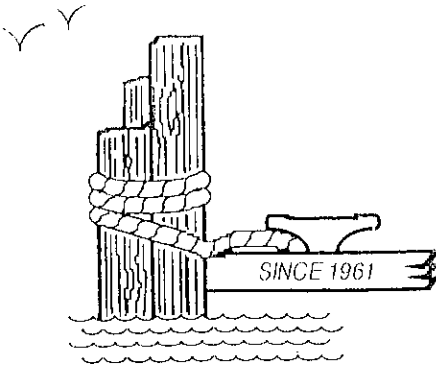
As I stated in a letter to Assemblyman Rainey " the delta is a life line to our area" to let the wheels turn to slowly could be devastating.

Thank you for your anticipated support with this problem.

Sincerely:



Jim La Fond
Member Driftwood Yacht Club
Fleet Captain 1995
52 Montrose Ct,
Brentwood Ca. 94513



WALT PIERCE MARINE SERVICE, INC.

5614 SANDMOUND BLVD.
OAKLEY, CA. 94561
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TO THE BOARD:

We concur with the letter written by Diane Shipway, January 17, 1996, regarding "Egeria Densa" "That Damn Water Weed".

We are in the boat repair business. This weed plugs up the water intake of engines and generators causing them to overheat and in some cases it is necessary to haul the boat out of the water to rectify the situation. Haulouts for the larger boats can be very expensive. The weed can also wrap around a propeller and stop a boat.

We are boat owners also. In our travels throughout the Delta, we are noticing that the growth of the Egeria Densa is not confined to shallow water as once was thought.

Our business and residence are located on the waterfront. We are constantly having to "pull weeds" forty feet away from the levee and in waters eighteen to twenty feet deep to hopefully keep from doing damage to our own boats or our customer boats.

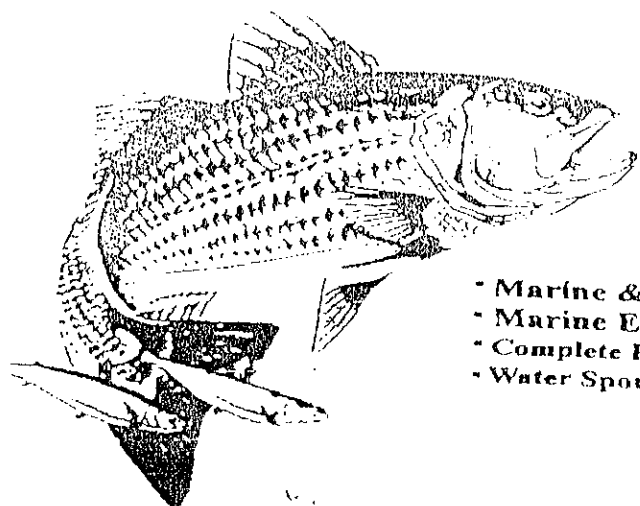
Hopefully, something can be done.

Very truly yours,

WALT PIERCE MARINE SERVICE, INC.

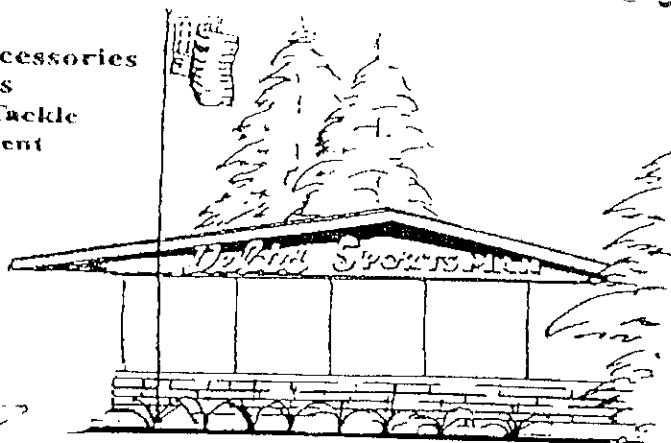
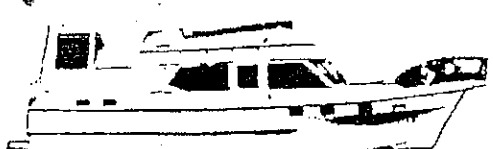
Virginia Pierce
Virginia Pierce,
Vice President

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enc (Letter Diane Shipway)



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TELECOPY TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

PLEASE DELIVER TO: The Board

TELECOPIER NO: 916 - 776- 2293

FROM: Chuck Philippart

RE: EGERIA DENIA - WATER WEED

NO. OF PAGES (Including cover sheet): 2

DATE: 1-18-96 CONFIRMATION REQUESTED: YES NO

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COMMENT/MESSAGES: DEAR DELTA PROTECTION COMM.
I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE
OF OUR PROBLEM. THIS WEED IS
HAVING A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DELTA.
NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT. ANY
HELP AND DIRECTION IS APPRECIATED.
ATTACHED IS LETTER FROM MRS. SHAW.
THANKS -
Chuck Philippart

6131 BETHEL ISLAND ROAD

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